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Championship celebration at the centre:mk

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS will celebrate their promotion to the Championship with an event at Middleton Hall in the centre:mk on Friday.

The first-team squad and manager Karl Robinson will be there alongside the trophy, which Dons were presented with after the club won automatic promotion to the Championship on Sunday.

The celebration will take place from 5.30pm until 7pm and is open to everyone.

There are plenty of reasons for fans to celebrate after a remarkable season, which saw Dons score 101 goals – more than any other team in the Football League this season.

Dons have been pushing for promotion for years and now that objective has been completed, several benefits are expected to be felt both by the club and the city.

Steven Gordon-Wilson, CEO of Destination MK, said the city will receive a great boost by having a football club playing in the Championship.

"It's all we're talking about in the office," said Mr Gordon-Wilson.

"It's a massive thing for the city and it's a fantastic step in the right direction for us to become an international sporting city.

"When we had the Manchester United game in August that brought in £2million to the visitor economy and playing football in the Championship will increase the visitor economy by tens of thousands of pounds per match because of teams like Brighton and the support they get."

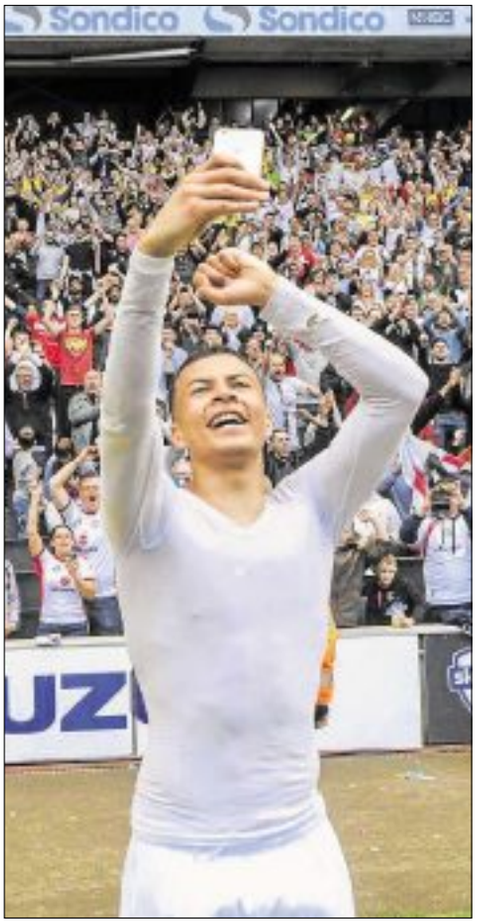
Dons chairman Pete Winkelman has said on many occasions that success on the pitch will be a catalyst for growing the sport in Milton Keynes and now that has become a reality.

"It's what Milton Keynes needs," he said.

"People need to have an affiliation with success for the club to grow.

"At some point you have to have that success so that fans can pass that down the generations and say 'I was there when' and this is an 'I was there when' moment.

"This is just the beginning and people can start feeling proud of what we've done instead of being frustrated at not being able to take the next step."



Selfie: Dele Alli grabs a memory of the momentous day

Dons' promotion is here after 10 years

■ **2004-05: MK Dons are officially formed and ply their trade in League One. Dons just about survive.**

■ **2005-06 - Dons are relegated to League Two after struggling all season, leading to Danny Wilson being sacked.**

■ **2006-07: Martin Allen takes over and after battling for automatic promotion in League Two, Dons finish fourth. They lose to Shrewsbury Town in the playoffs.**

■ **2007: The Queen opens stadiummk.**

■ **2007-08: The first-ever silverware arrives at Dons as Paul Ince guides them to the Football League Trophy with a victory over Grimsby Town at Wembley in the final, before sealing a brilliant season by topping League Two and being promoted.**

■ **2008-09: Roberto Di Matteo is in charge and Dons finish fifth in League One, losing to Scunthorpe United in the playoff semi-finals.**

■ **2009-10: Paul Ince is back and Dons finish 12th.**

■ **2010-11: Karl Robinson becomes the youngest manager in the Football League and guides Dons to fifth. They lose to Peterborough United in the playoff semi-finals.**

■ **2011-12: Dons finish fifth after losing to Huddersfield Town in the playoffs.**

■ **2012-13: Dons reach the fifth round of the FA Cup, a run which included beating AFC Wimbledon. They finish eighth in the league.**

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Pete's dream comes true

DONS chairman Pete Winkelman says he is already excited about the prospect of what next season will bring after his club won promotion to the Championship on Sunday.

He said he was delighted after a brilliant campaign which saw Dons score more goals than any other team in the Football League and he is looking forward to the challenges next season will bring.

"We absolutely deserve it and I'm so pleased for all of the backroom team," said Pete.

"It's what the club has been set out to be, which is at least a Championship club, and isn't it amazing that we've finished the stadium and then we get promoted?

"We've been the bridesmaids for so many years but having waited for that time I'm pleased that we're going into the Championship ready to face them all.

"There are some big, big clubs and we're going in with no fear."

Pete also praised manager Karl Robinson for his contribution in a history-making season.

"What a fantastic job from Karl and you can all see why we've stuck with him.

"He's got a great philosophy and with rotating players this year he has made it work and kept everybody happy."

Party time: The celebrations begin after Sunday's victory

Robbo: Best day in the history of Dons

History man: Have we, we have, oh my goodness! Karl Robinson on a day of drama

MANAGER Karl Robinson believes that Sunday – when MK Dons were promoted to the Championship – was the best day in the history of the club.

BY SCOTT KIRK

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Dons thrashed Yeovil Town 5-1 to earn the right to play Championship football next season after Preston North End lost 1-0 to Colchester United. Robinson said he felt numb after the success.

"To achieve the goal we set out to do is remarkable and what an amazing 12 months we've had," he said.

"We were brushed aside at stadiummk by Leyton Orient in the last game of the season 12 months ago and now 12 months later we're promoted. These are things that will live with us forever.

"Every single player gave it their all from the first whistle to the last whistle and in pre-season.

"The goals against Yeovil were magnificent and it means so much to everyone, including the loan players.

"They've all showed what it means to them and it's an amazing day so we'll never forget it.

"This is the best day in our history."

As for his own emotions, Robinson accepted that he failed to keep his cool on the day despite his best attempts – and it's not hard to understand why.

Preston had to draw or lose at Colchester in order for Dons to be promoted and Robinson admitted that it was difficult trying to keep a lid on his emotions as he tried to work out what was going on in Essex.

"It was horrific! I tried to be cool and calm but with 10 minutes to go I was crumbling!

"But I'll do it again if you want!

"It helped that their game finished before ours as I wouldn't have liked to have waited for their result.

"When we knew it was over at Colchester and we had a minute to play it was the best minute of football I've ever watched!"

Robinson now hopes that the club will be remembered for the historic triumph as Dons prepare to play in the second tier of English football next season. But the Liverpudlian was also keen to stress that it was important for everyone to stay grounded going into what will be a tough season in 2015-16.

"Hopefully we will be noticed for how we've done this. We have had a lot of knocks and hits but we've walked through them with class and dignity.

"They were sensational but we've got to take it in the right way. We have to say the right things and we have to stay grounded.

"If you want to be successful you have to take it in your stride.

"If the lads think this has been hard, then staying in the Championship will be even harder.

"We don't want to be a number in that league but we need to spend money if we want to compete in the Championship to bring in the right players."

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I want to Walk Safe

CONGRATULATIONS for raising awareness of underpass and redway safety (*Walk Safe campaign, MK News, April 29*).

I feel if is essential that everyone feels safe and not at risk. Having lived here for 20 years using redways and underpasses, I've seen them neglected and become unsafe for families and especially women on their own.

It is very sad that this has led to not just one death but several. My thoughts are with the families concerned.

Funding must be used to improve our wonderful asset so that we can walk, cycle and catch buses without fear.

I am completely in support of your campaign and look forward to hearing that changes are in progress and I'll no longer have doubts about using underpasses and redways.

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All change on buses

OVER the bank holiday weekend the number 4 Wolverton to Bletchley bus service was split in two, that part north of the hospital becoming number 14.

But this was more than a mere change of Arriva's labels, it has signalled a significant cut in bus frequencies serving the communities of Greenlees, Hodge Lea, Two Mile Ash and Great Holm.

These cuts to daytime services have been done with next to no public consultation and they have reduced the number of buses by more than 20 per cent.

For a nine-hour period from 8am to 5pm the frequency of CMK bound buses has been reduced from the previous three per hour to two per hour and there are fewer overall for the morning journey to work from 6-9am.

The communities served by the number 14 have been adversely affected in several ways.

Within each of them a significant number of people are entirely or highly dependent on the bus for their travel.

They are likely to experience greater crowding in the morning peak period and the 30-minute intervals for much of the day will mean that the consequences of missing a bus, already arduous for many people, will be that much greater.

Moreover, the reduced frequency means fewer spaces for wheelchair users and for baby buggies. Those car users who, for a variety of reasons, have chosen to use the bus for certain journeys will find the reduced number 14 service less attractive and the likely consequences of that will be more vehicles on the road.

In strategic terms the changes are contrary to the council's policies for transport which stress the need for an attractive public transport network.

The declared objectives include the provision of 'real and attractive transport choices', reducing transport-based CO2 emissions, providing access to all key services and amenities and strengthening linkages between communities.

Against that vision and objectives the current changes go in the wrong direction.

The council should press Arriva to reverse the cuts that have been made to our bus route and plan a new higher quality service that will attract more people to use it.

Chris Gossop MRTPI, secretary
Two Mile Ash Environmental Group

Sad to see 'tatty' city

I HAVE lived in Milton Keynes for 35 years and I have never regretted the day I moved here.

However, it saddens me to see over the past 10 years how much the city has deteriorated.

Milton Keynes looks very tatty and rundown through lack of maintenance.

Pathways are not swept and are in need of resurfacing, signposts have faded, brickwork is in need of repair, trees in landscape designs have died, been removed but not replaced and hedges are overgrown.

Council administration now and in the past cannot be blamed for all that has gone wrong in Milton Keynes.

It's the lack of funding that is the main reason.

Our city has had a raw deal for far too long. It's about time those in other places stopped short-changing us.

Dennis Brett
Blakelands

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

AND so from this day forth, the 'new' city of Milton Keynes shall become known as the 'regenerated' city of Milton Keynes.

The City Life office has long been lobbying for some serious redevelopment of some of the more rundown, out-of-date and unloved areas of this place we call home.

Slowly but surely, various parts of city are being earmarked for much needed change. This includes public areas like Queensway, Bletchley – which has already been the subject of a regeneration not that long ago – and most recently plans to revamp Lloyds Court.

Lloyds Court, currently an uneasy mix of shops, banks and, er, a church, opened in the late 70s just before the main shopping building.

An area dominated by shabby-looking marble-effect cladding and a statue of a black horse, it currently lacks any real identity and any regeneration should be welcomed.

However, I think it unlikely the developers will reintroduce a nightclub. Austens was the first club to open in Central Milton Keynes and it wasn't unusual for queues to stretch around Lloyds Court at weekends. I see consideration is also being given to regenerating certain estates, including Fullers Slade and Netherfield, among others.

As Milton Keynes approaches its 50th birthday, I believe now is a great time for some real investment in excitement with some ground-breaking projects to set the city up for the next 50 years.

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Fans react to a sensational day

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS fans were understandably delighted that their team were able to secure automatic promotion to the Championship on a momentous day for the club on Sunday.

Dons beat Yeovil Town 5-1 as Preston North End lost 1-0 at Colchester United to send stadiummk into delirium – and the fans were so happy that they ran onto the pitch to celebrate the incredible achievement.

Former player-coach Didier Hamann and ex-coach Ian Wright took to Twitter to congratulate Dons, while Tottenham Hotspur used their official account to congratulate Dele Alli – the MK-born midfield star who has been on loan at Dons since January after the London club signed him for £5 million in January.

MK Dons Supporters' Association chairman Adam Faiers said there was plenty of emotion from fans on the historic day.

> Everyone was crying by the end of the game – everything is so good and I can't wait for next season now!
>
> **Adam Faiers, MK Dons Supporters' Association chairman**

"When Colchester scored the noise was amazing and the last 20 minutes were absolutely fantastic," he said.

"Everyone was crying by the end of the game and it's just so good!

"We will get together next week to sort out what we will do next season.

"It's absolutely fantastic and well done to the team and to Karl [Robinson, the manager]. I can't wait for next season now!"

Fans were similarly jubilant after the final whistle, with Barney Payne, from Great Linford, saying: "I'm absolutely overwhelmed. This has got to be the best team ever – if we were going to do it we were going to do it with them."

Lee Ramswell, from Shenley Brook End, added: "I was really hoping Colchester would do it and they did. I'm ecstatic, really over the moon."

Jonathan Evans said on Twitter: "So proud of my local side #mkdons after their hard-earned promotion to the Championship. Delighted for Pete Winkelman and Karl Robinson."

A decade of graft from the captain

Captain fantastic: Dean Lewington scored twice

DONS' captain Dean Lewington says it is great people are now talking about the success the team is now enjoying on the pitch, rather than issues off it.

Much is made in the national media of how the club was formed, but Lewington said there has been a lot of hard work from everyone at MK Dons to get the club to where they are now.

The club captain, 30, has been at Dons from the very beginning and he says it has been a tough decade or so to get the club into the second tier of English football.

"It's a great feeling," he said.

"We've worked so hard to get to the Championship but when it happens it's a bit of a strange feeling.

"We're very happy to get over the line.

"From where we started to what we've produced now – it's been a long, hard 10 or 11 years and so much has happened so it's nice to get the on-the-pitch stuff going now.

"I've never really cared what people said – it's nice for the fans as they get so much stick wherever they go."

Lewington scored twice and set two goals up as Dons thrashed Yeovil Town 5-1 to secure automatic promotion.

"It doesn't happen very often that I've scored twice in a game but once we scored that first goal we just relaxed.

"It's just been a good day and it's not really sunk in yet.

"There was a really positive vibe around the place and it just felt like it was going to happen.

"We've got a good bunch here and the players the gaffer has brought in have been superb."

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Council blasted in needles row

Call for action: Aaron Sablon with discarded needles in the bushes next to the redway in Bradwell Common yesterday

BY SARAH LEE
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DIRTY needles, discovered just metres from a children's play area, were not picked up by the council for more than 24 hours, despite an urgent call from a worried parent.

Milton Keynes Council received an out-of-hours call from Bradwell Common father-of-three Aaron Sablon, 33, on Bank Holiday Monday.

The mobile phone technician called the police after his two children, Faith, 12, and Amelia, 10, discovered more than 20 hypodermic needles strewn under bushes on a redway in Eelbrook Avenue.

Advised to call the Environmental Health Department, Mr Sablon, of Hadley Place, said an operator at the council told him the issue would be 'logged for someone to pick up later in the week'.

Infuriated, Mr Sablon posted images of the drug paraphernalia on Facebook. His post went on to be shared by 90 angry people.

Although council workers performed a clean-up yesterday morning, needles were still present to be photographed by MK NEWS at 12.30pm. Mr Sablon said: "I don't understand why the council didn't act on this immediately. The needles were just metres away from a children's play area – something seriously dangerous could have happened.

"The council did come on Tuesday morning to remove some of the items. It is really worrying the council did not respond as quickly as they should. Anything could have happened – it's disgusting."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "Following a call to our emergency helpline yesterday [Monday] our contractor SERCO attended and removed these items for safe disposal. We have removed some needles and will remove any more as we need to."

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We all #LoveMK

RESIDENTS showed how much they care for their city after managing to get #LoveMK trending on Twitter on Thursday.

Young boy struck

A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy was struck with something believed to have been thrown from a window at The Hub on April 24. More online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

Sex fiend turns in

A SEX offender who escaped from hospital in Hampshire turned himself into police in MK after five days on the run. Stephen Munden surrendered on April 26.

Missing teenager

ELIZABETH Skevington, 15, has been missing since 4pm on Monday. More online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

School is damaged by overnight blaze

A SCHOOL opened as usual yesterday despite being partly damaged by a fire.

Police are investigating the circumstances of the blaze between 1am and 2am on Monday at Wavendon Gate School.

The fire started in some sheds at the rear of the building and quickly spread to the school.

However it didn't affect classrooms and students went in as normal.

The school wasn't able to serve hot meals and assembly had to be cancelled.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Plans for 85 new homes

PEOPLE in the west of the city have been invited to have their say on plans for a new housing development.

Taylor Wimpey is drawing up plans for 85 homes on a site to the west of Dansteed Way and the north of Hazeley Wood.

The scheme would include affordable housing and has already been granted outline planning permission.

Taylor Wimpey said the proposals will provide an 'attractive and sustainable development of high-quality homes'. A public exhibition will be held at Shenley Church End Parish Hall on Tuesday between 3pm and 7pm.

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Need for speed: Professor Karol Sikora inside the radiotherapy suite at the new clinic in Linford Wood. He says the clinic will offer quick services to patients at its one-stop breast clinic in Sunrise Parkway

Treating cancer under one roof

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NEW private medical centre offering chemotherapy and radiotherapy suites under one roof has opened.

Linford Wood Medical Centre was officially opened on Thursday by Olympic winning athlete Roger Black.

The centre operates the first one-stop private breast clinic in the area, offering appointments and access to diagnostic tests including digital mammogram, ultrasound, fine needle aspiration and core needle biopsy.

The clinic has actually been open on a Monday evening for more than a year, but now it is fully open it will soon be operating up to three evenings a week as demand has grown.

It also includes a urology clinic and a gynaecological unit and once tests are analysed in the laboratory, turnaround time is just a few days.

The clinic is the brainchild of Professor Karol Sikora, who is dean at the University of Buckingham's School of Medicine. He said: "What this centre offers is speed. Someone can come in and have everything done within 27 minutes and that's important for patients.

"Ample and free parking is also a big plus for patients."

One of the consultants at the breast clinic, Kian Chin, said: "I never expected to see such facilities available in the area within my working life."

Roger Black added: "Everyone knows someone who has had cancer. It is a privilege to open the centre."

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‘Edward was a well liked man’

BY JAMES AVERILL
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‘Well liked’: Edward Sumner died after falling from a footbridge

THE widow of a pensioner who appears to have jumped to his death has described her shock – saying it was ‘out of character’.

Popular 79-year-old Edward Sumner died at 12.58pm on April 24 after falling from a footbridge onto the V3 Fulmer Street, where he was struck by a car.

Mr Sumner, who lived in Shenley Church End, was a well-known member of the community who played bowls in Bletchley and snooker in Wolverton.

His distraught widow, Grace – who married Edward 59 years ago after meeting him in a queue for a show at Shepherd’s Bush Empire – told MK NEWS she ‘didn’t know’ why he had seemingly made the decision to jump. She did say, however, his pride had been hurt in a battle with cancer.

Mrs Sumner said: “It’s not like him to do what he did. But he had prostate cancer and I think it was his pride. To walk about with a catheter and water bag, he didn’t like that.”

After leaving his home in the morning, Edward parked his car outside Shenley Wood Village Retirement Home, before going for a walk – but he never returned to the car.

Speaking about the day of the incident, Mrs Sumner said: “We got up in the morning and had breakfast as usual. He then went and cut all the privets in the garden.

“When I went out of the house at 10.30am he was in the shower, when I got back after 12.30pm the police were knocking on the door.

“It was a bolt from the blue, he was so well liked. I can’t imagine life without him.”

Edward’s funeral takes place on May 18 at Crownhill. Donations to the Air Ambulance are welcomed by contacting H W Mason & Sons in Bletchley.

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How it will look: An artist's impression of the 140-bedroom hotel that is planned for the Leisure Plaza

Plans put in for 140-room hotel

BY JAMES AVERILL
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PLAN have been submitted for a 140-bedroom hotel at the Leisure Plaza, which should finalise its redevelopment.

The six-storey hotel will face onto Avebury Boulevard and Milton Keynes Central rail station and is set to cost around £25 million.

The application – submitted by Abbeygate Helical (Leisure Plaza) Ltd – would see phase two of the Plaza's redevelopment begin, following the completion of the new ice rink and new Morrisons supermarket in 2014.

The hotel on the 0.73 hectare site – which had previously been earmarked as a casino – would also create up to 150 full-time jobs, and further part-time jobs.

It would also include a fitness centre, swimming pool and conference facilities.

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It would be operated by De Vere Villages and would be their flagship development after a recent change in ownership.

Clive Faine, who is managing director of AbbeyGate, told MK NEWS: "We believe the location for this is exactly right and will be the finishing touch for the Leisure Plaza.

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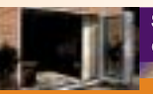

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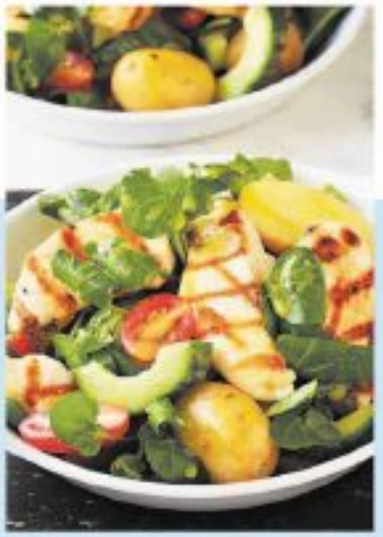

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Juicy chicken, sweet honey, creamy hollandaise sauce... hmm. Even potatoes – yes, potatoes!

Off limits on a diet... right? Wrong! Incredible as it may sound, you can enjoy these delicious foods and still lose weight or maintain a healthy weight.

Julia Westgarth, Programme Development Manager at Weight Watchers, says there is a way to enjoy delicious food but also lose weight and that with so many seasonal ingredients now on offer, it's the perfect time to experiment with new recipes – and achieve a sustainable weight loss of up to 2lbs a week.

Weight Watcher's Julia Westgarth

Here are some of her fave springtime recipes for you to try:

Honeyed chicken and potato salad

8 ProPoints values

- Chargrill 100g skinless mini chicken breast fillets.
- Meanwhile cook 100g new potatoes (halved if large).
- Chop cucumber (remove the seeds with a tsp) and add to a bowl with halved baby plum tomatoes, watercress and the potatoes.
- In a small dish mix 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil, 1 heaped tsp honey, 1 tsp white wine vinegar and ½ tsp Dijon mustard, then warm gently in a microwave.
- Add the chicken to the salad and drizzle the dressing on top.

Salmon with potatoes, asparagus and hollandaise

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- Boil 150g of new potatoes for 15 minutes or until soft and add the asparagus for the last 3 minutes.
- Meanwhile grill a 130g salmon fillet for 12 minutes.
- Drain the potatoes and asparagus and serve with the salmon and a heaped tsp (8g) of hollandaise sauce.

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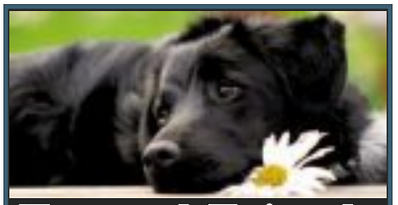

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Concerns CCTV is 'invading privacy'

Privacy battle: Mr Heatherley in his back garden which could be viewed by the camera installed by Thames Valley Police

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MAN feels residents' privacy is being breached by a CCTV camera, which has allegedly been installed because a police officer's car was broken into.

Jevon Heatherley, from Ambridge Grove, Pear-tree Bridge, raised concerns with Milton Keynes Council (MKC) when he spotted the camera had been installed on the lamppost and could turn 360 degrees, to see into the gardens of many of his neighbours who had children and into the second floors of some properties.

The 32-year-old now believes it has been installed because a police officer's car was broken into nearby, despite calls for CCTV eslewhere.

He said: "The camera is 30ft high and our fences are six feet high. It is an invasion of privacy. There is no crime in our area and especially not on our street. Neighbours have told me it is because a police officer's car was broken into."

A spokesman from MKC said: "We have installed this CCTV at the request of Thames Valley Police, in conjunction with all normal procedures and protocols. There is no intention of looking into anyone's gardens or windows."

People in Fishermead have been asking for CCTV on the bridges between central MK and the estate after two sex attacks in the last 12 months.

Terry Baines, chair of Fishermead Residents Association, said: "The residents' group will be really annoyed."

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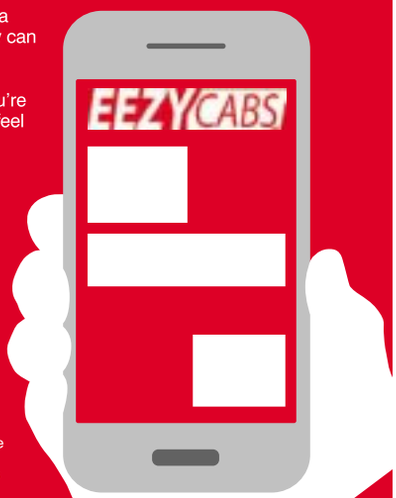

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Swimming success

JAMES AVERILL looks at the men who made swimming such a key part of history in Newport Pagnell

O. H Bull got the ball rolling

NEWPORT Pagnell's reputation for producing first-class swimmers made waves before the First World War.

When young boys started swimming in the River Ouse in the 1880s, the owner of the Mill – who disliked them swimming near his home – scattered broken bottles on the riverbed to stop them.

But the man who had encouraged the boys to enter the water was local headmaster Mr O. H (Orson) Bull.

Determined to see his students learn to swim, he would dive in himself to remove the shattered glass.

He had arrived in the town from Lowestoft and, horrified that nobody could swim, began teaching his students the basics himself.

But soon the town marked the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887 by setting up a Bathing Place in the river near Willen Road.

For years youngsters used it to learn to swim, before the town's first swimming club was launched in 1895.

It took that shattered glass to shatter the perceptions that only London and university clubs could produce swimmers.

Newport gave many of those clubs a run for their money and by the time of the First World War, were beating many of them in prestigious competitions.

"A lot of the elderly people in Newport Pagnell are aware of the history," says Connie Hilton, a town resident who has kept meticulous notes on the history of swimming in the town.

She adds: "But very few young people know how it started or why the local pool is called Middleton Pool."

That honour was bestowed upon Harry Middleton, a man born and raised in the town who made his fortune overseas.

In 1957, he gifted the local council £42,500 worth of shares he held in the Canadian Mining Corporation, and £1,000.

The donation was made anonymously and on the condition that it was used for the 'general benefit' of its residents by finally building a swimming pool.

The open-air pool opened on August 3, 1957, but was promptly renamed Middleton Pool after his death in February 1966 – a name it retains to this day.

Connie Hilton added: "It will be nice for new people to find out all about this story."

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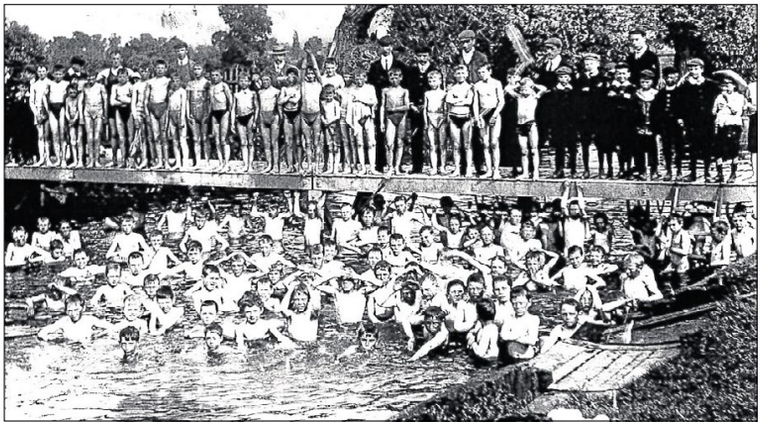
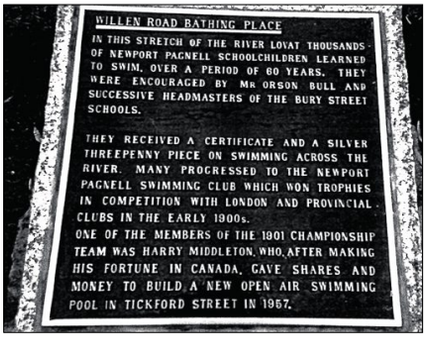


Bathing place: The late 1800s saw hundreds of young people congregate in the river in Newport

Building Middleton pool



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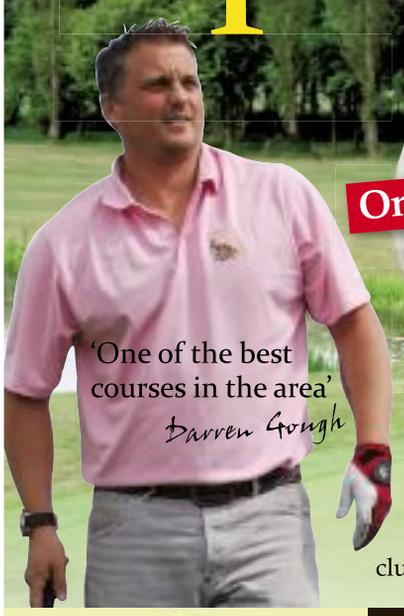

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Rose 'can blossom into a go-to space'

BY JACK ASH
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RECENTLY appointed MK Rose Development Officer Mark Niel is planning on turning the area in Campbell Park into the 'Trafalgar Square of Milton Keynes.'

Mr Niel, who is also Milton Keynes Poet Laureate, took on the role at the start of April with the remit of increasing footfall and engagement with the interactive artwork.

He has been involved with the MK Rose since just after its conception, taking part in original meetings for the space and written poems for events since its opening.

He said: "I love the space and believe it to be Milton Keynes' best-kept secret.

"It is a special space where people can think, remember and learn about significant dates in the history of Milton Keynes.

"I believe it can grow to become the 'go-to' place for gatherings of celebration, remembrance and commemoration."

In his role, Mr Niel will help people organise events and make it more appealing to younger people.

Choreographers from dance group Motus have been at the location this week for a dance piece that will start at MK Gallery and finish at the MK Rose on May 31.

The area, which is sometimes neglected by Milton Keynes residents, is set to have a busy summer with various events going on, such as the Rugby World Cup nearby and Mark thinks it's the perfect place for just about all events.

He said: "You can think and sit there, take in the scenery as well as have serious reminders of events or have celebrations.

The main event: Mark Niel has big plans for the MK Rose

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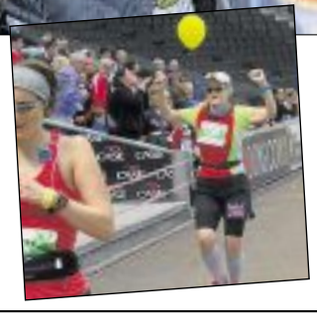

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Showing their respect: Members of the Nepalese community send prayers at the Peace Pagoda

BY JAMES AVERILL
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IT WAS Bank Holiday to remember in MK - with remembrance added in as well.

Thousands took part in the MK Marathon, with a number of superheroes joining in as well!

There was also fun by the canal in the May Day Festival at Campbell Park on Saturday.

And on Saturday evening, members of the Nepalese community gathered at the Peace Pagoda to pray for victims of the earthquake.

Jack Parslow (centre) set a record marathon time (2:37:30)

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PCSO's 'amazing' work is rewarded

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A POLICE Community Support Officer (PCSO) has been given an award for her 'amazing' work in the community.

Bianca James is on first-name terms with nearly all the residents in Bradwell and the parish council gave her a Service to the Community Award at an event on April 27.

PSCOs at Thames Valley Police play a vital role in neighbourhood policing and keeping local communities free from low-level crime and anti-social behaviour. They also have a crucial part to play in building positive relations and creating dialogue between the police and the communities they serve.

Chairman of Bradwell Parish Council Brian King praised Bianca's hard and continuous work with both young people and the elderly in the area.

He said: "Bianca has been working in our area for the last six years. She has built up a really good relationship with the community. She is also a governor at Somerfield School in Bradwell Common where she runs a chess club.

"It was a unanimous vote from the parish council because she is very good with the elderly and the youngsters and she is always very fair. She attends all our events and has become a real vital part of the community.

"She has without a doubt helped the area.

"People used to knock on our door and say they needed the police – they now knock on our door and say they need Bianca.

"She is involved in training other PSCOs and we think she is a vital member of the policing team in Milton Keynes and a great representative of what they can do to unite a community.

"I could speak all day on how good she is."

Superintendent Gez Chiariello, LPA Commander for Milton Keynes, said: "This award from Bradwell Parish Council recognises that Bianca is serving the community to great effect – we are proud to say that she is one of our PCSOs."

Community force: PCSO Bianca James with her award

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MK NEWS and MKFM caught up with the candidates for Milton Keynes South in the second of our debates last Tuesday.

Key topics discussed included healthcare, housing, a referendum on the European Union and homelessness.

It followed the debate for MK North candidates two weeks ago.

■ Lib Dem Lisa Smith sent her apologies last Tuesday.

Iain Stewart (Con)

"I want to finish the job we've started. We've made tough decisions to get the country back on track. I want to stick to the economic plan that will help people back to work."

Andrew Pakes (Lab)

"It's great that the economy is turning a corner. But the Government doesn't tell you the proceeds are not shared. Too many of our jobs are low paid or zero hours."

Sam Pancheri (Green)

"We want to make the minimum wage a living wage. People cannot live on the minimum wage. We also need to increase funding that councils get from central government."

Vince Peddle (UKIP)

"We need to leave the EU and save on foreign aid until we can afford it. Established parties keep promising but they've conned you. UKIP is trying to change the political agenda."

Steve Fulton (Ind)

"It's a broken political system. We've voted for people who are aligned to parties and not people. I'm asking people not to vote tactically. I want to be your independent voice."

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Students help out colleagues in need

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN INTERNAL college food bank has received a year's worth of food donations in a single hit from MK College students determined to help fellow students in difficulty.

The large contribution of food was the donated by the Year 11 class who raised the money through selling home-made cakes and sales from ticketed activities.

Before enrolling at the college, all members of the group either received home-schooling or have come from countries including Nigeria, Albania, Norway and Vietnam. One student, an asylum seeker from Afghanistan, even donated some of his small weekly allowance in order to help other students in need.

Angela Daly, co-ordinator of the food bank said: "On a weekly basis we do see a small number of students requesting support from the internal college food bank.

"There are lots of reasons why some of our learners struggle financially, typically it's due to delays in benefit payments, or sometimes when unfortunately they've left the family home and have very few other places to turn."

Every little helps: Students at MK College have been helping out their colleagues who use its food bank with a major donation

One student who uses the food bank, Olivia Pryor, who studies bricklaying, said: "It's well stocked and they do toiletries too. Staff there are very helpful and can cater for personal requirements.

"Even if you only use it once it can make a real difference

The food bank is now full with weekly essentials from pasta, juices and coffee to toilet rolls, sanitary products and nappies.

Alex Taylor-Woodward, a student at the college, said: "Knowing we're helping to support our fellow students at college is an amazing feeling. Seeing the mountain of food we've gone out and bought and knowing will contribute to the welfare of others in our community is something we'd love to see continue."

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MKBUSINESS

John Lewis to take on another 200 staff in city

BY SARAH LEE
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MORE than 200 jobs will be on offer in the city after John Lewis launched a recruitment drive for its national distribution centres in Magna Park.

Recruitment will be phased over the next 12 months, with the first batch of jobs available to apply for now. The roles are for warehouse assistant partners and include full and part-time roles.

Responsibilities include receiving and storing products, picking individual branch orders, loading goods onto trailers using mechanical handling equipment and ensuring the correct products go to the right shops.

Terry Murphy, director of national distribution centres at John Lewis, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to join our distribution teams in Milton Keynes.

"As customers' shopping habits evolve so must our operational business model. Increasing our numbers will enable us to provide a better service to our shops and customers."

Both distribution centres – Magna Park 1 & 2 – occupy more than 1.3million square feet and are joined by a 90-metre link bridge. They service all 43 John Lewis stores and a growing online business.

The news follows the recent announcement that a third distribution centre will open in Milton Keynes next year.

For more on this story, visit www.mkweb.co.uk/business

"This is a fantastic opportunity to join our distribution teams in Milton Keynes

'My comics will help dads and daughters bond'

A BUSINESSMAN and dad from Milton Keynes is looking to pitch his business idea to Richard Branson as part of Virgin Media's 'Pitch-to-Rich' programme.

Sumit Mutall, 34, of Middleton, has created an online comic book, DADn.ME, which he hopes to present to Mr Branson if he gains enough votes in an online poll.

Finalists will pitch their ideas to him at a finale event in London. The winner will share in more than £1,000,000 of prizes, including advertising campaigns, cash investments, mentoring and support, and lots of other great prizes.

DADn.ME will offer a free online weekly comic strip, based around the relationship between fathers and daughters. It has taken six months to develop and will hit the UK market on May 15.

Mr Muttal said: "The purpose is to encourage dads to be more involved with their children's lives. Women are playing a greater role in the workplace and men are contributing more at home, in particular with children. As a work-from-home dad, I spend a lot of time with my five-year-old-daughter. At the same time, I have come across fathers so disconnected from their children's lives they don't know which school they go to or what they like to eat.

"The digital comic book is based on my own experiences which I believe many parents can relate to."

To vote for Sumit, visit www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/pitch-to-rich/new-things/dadnme/

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Coca-Cola opens its refurbished operations centre

COCA-COLA Enterprises (CCE) has opened its newly-refurbished operations centre in Milton Keynes, following a £5m investment.

Employing 160 people, the new operations centre – in Yeomans Drive – is responsible for the purchase, distribution and refurbishment of all CCE's cold drink equipment in shops and businesses throughout Great Britain.

Every cooler and piece of vending machine equipment CCE distributes comes from the centre. It is also home to CCE's Technical Call Centre (TCC), and operates as a support function for its field engineering and new business teams.

The TCC team handles more than 10,000 calls per week, ranging from equipment service requests and customer queries to new business enquiries and machine movements. The new site allows all the functions to be housed in one purpose-designed site, whereas previously the operations were previously split over two different locations.

The building incorporates a number of energy-efficient features, including a heat recovery system and movement-activated lighting, supporting CCE's ambition to reduce the carbon footprint of the drink in the consumer's hand by a third by 2020. The site also sends zero waste to landfill, with all waste either recycled or recovered.

Nick Collins, VP Technical Services at Coca-Cola Enterprises GB, said: "We are really delighted with our new-look operations centre in Milton Keynes."

A right royal naming

THE UK's largest garden centre retailer, Wyevale, which has an outlet in Woburn Sands, will launch an exclusive clematis named after Princess Charlotte.

This tribute follows the popular Clematis George which gardeners across the country bought after the birth of the first child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2013.

The limited edition, pale blue, double-flowering clematis will go on sale this week across all 147 Wyevale Garden Centres, priced at £14.99.

With May the best time of the year for hybrid clematis to bloom, keen gardeners and royalists alike are set to snap up this unique variety

With only 5,000 available, David Mitchell, plant buyer at Wyevale Garden Centres, expects them to sell out within a fortnight.

He added: "In 2013 the Clematis George was our fastest-selling clematis of the year with many customers asking if we would honour the newest royal in the same way.

"We are proud to have sourced a one-of-a-kind double-flowering clematis to honour Princess Charlotte and keep a British tradition alive."

WHY YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED IF YOUR BANK NO LONGER OFFERS YOU FINANCIAL ADVICE

We were recently approached by a lady, Susan, on behalf of her mother, Dorothy, who has been left high and dry by her bank, HSBC's, financial advisory arm who no longer offer financial advice!

Dorothy who is aged 83 and lives locally in Milton Keynes has £230K invested in an HSBC discretionary fund management (DFM) service as well as a further £100K invested in another HSBC DFM which is held in a trust for the benefit of her grandchildren.

What is truly shocking is that she recently visited her branch seeking some advice and was told that HSBC no longer offers financial advice for customers!!!! Dorothy is worried and doesn't know where to turn to for advice.

Her daughter Susan lives in the North West of England. When she found out about her mother's dilemma she immediately did a search on Google and found two useful websites one of which was unbiased.co.uk and the other vouchedfor.co.uk. Unbiased.co.uk is a directory of independent financial advisers whereas vouchedfor.co.uk is a testimonials website for professional advisers. She chose us because she wanted a firm of Chartered Financial Planners with a specialism in investment management and estate planning including Inheritance Tax mitigation. She supplemented her research with checking our website at wealthandtax.co.uk focussing on our many client video testimonials.

Tony Byrne
Financial Planning Director
Wealth And Tax Management

We recently had our first meeting with Dorothy and her son Brian at our offices with Susan joining the meeting on a Skype video call from her living room in the North West of England. The meeting went very well.

We have been asked to produce a Wealth And Tax Management plan for Dorothy to include our proposals for managing her investments, her grandchildren's trust investments and our strategies for protecting her wealth and reducing her Inheritance Tax liability. She has an estate worth more than £1 million. Needless to say we accepted her invitation!

Dorothy and her family are now reassured and looking forward to receiving their plan with confidence.

Tony Byrne
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Firm to match car owners and hirers

HAVE you ever wanted to hire a really expensive car, like a Jaguar or an Aston Martin, for a day?

A company soon to launch in Milton Keynes wants to offer residents just that opportunity.

Ascendia is the brainchild of founders Graeme Risby and Rob Larmour after both saw a gap in the market.

Graeme Risby said: "I have always loved cars. We first came up with the idea when I was looking to hire an Audi R8 for a day and it was going to cost me £5,000.

"So I have always been frustrated there is no option to hire a decent car."

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
jessica.duncan@mk-news.co.uk

The peer-to-peer car sharing platform aims to connect owners whose cars would otherwise be idle with people who need to hire a car nearby.

Car owners rent out their cars via the company's platform, setting their own rental price and earning money by simply and safely renting out their cars.

Ascendia uses a verification company, which reviews and rates members so owners and renters can get a sense of who they're dealing with.

Mr Risby added: "We already have more than 60 people interesting in the idea in Milton Keynes.

"Our insurance will cover any problems if anything happened."

The company hopes to launch on the city's roads by September 2015. To find out more email vehicles@ascendia.co.uk

Fine dining restaurant Robinson to close after 16 years

CUSTOMERS have shared their support for the owners of Newport Pagnell's Robinsons restaurant after its closure was announced.

Owners Darren and Angela Robinson are closing the popular fine dining spot on St John Street for personal health reasons.

A comment on their website and Facebook page on Saturday said: "Due to health reasons, it is with much regret we must inform you we are sadly having to close our doors. While it is the end of era for us, we can look back with pride and much satisfaction at what we have created over the past 16 years.

"We are staying in Newport Pagnell as we tackle the curveball that life has thrown at us but take away so many great memories and friendships from our time here.

"A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful customers, friends, staff, suppliers and family for all your support over the years - it has meant so much to us. We will raise a toast to you all tonight as we close the restaurant for the last time."

Hundreds of loyal customers shared the post and commented with their good memories of the restaurant, its food and best wishes for their health.

City plugs in to car offer

AFTER Milton Keynes Council's electric vehicle partner Chargemaster announced it was offering a free electric vehicle loan service to businesses in the city- the company has seen a surge of interest, with the vehicles now being in 'high demand.'

Chargemaster has a small fleet of electric vehicles which can be loaned to companies to allow them to experience an electric vehicle for themselves and see what the benefits of electric motoring are.

A Renault Zoe and two Nissan Leafs are available for loan. No charges are levied and companies have the free use of more than 200 charging points in the area, including 56 rapid chargers which recharge cars in less than 30 minutes.

Loan cars are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Chargemaster require copies of driving licences but otherwise there is no formal paperwork.

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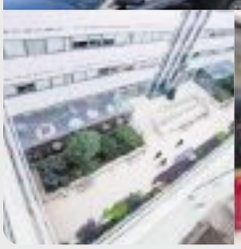

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Barnum bedlam

CAMERON Mackintosh and Chichester Festival Theatre's record-breaking production of Barnum is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Brian Conley stars in this exhilarating musical, which follows the irrepressible imagination and dreams of Phineas T Barnum, America's Greatest Showman.

The story of his life and his marriage to Chairy reveals a couple who looked at the world from opposite sides of the spectrum. It also reveals that she was the practical one who made his dreams come true.

We follow the legendary showman's life as he lit up the world with colour, warmth and the excitement of his imagination and finally teamed up with J A Bailey to create Barnum and Bailey's Circus – the Greatest Show on Earth.

If you enjoy seeing spectacular circus tricks but also love a good storyline, then this is definitely the show for you.

The show starts on Tuesday and runs until Saturday, May 16, with performances each day at 7.30pm.

There will also be matinee performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2.30pm.

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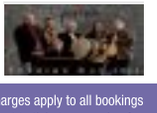

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superbseafood

I HAVE to confess, I don't like seafood, so when I agreed to visit Loch Fyne I was worried I wouldn't find anything on the menu I would like.

But as soon as I walked into the seafood and grill restaurant in The Hub, the wonderful smell and delicious-looking plates of food that went past while I was having a drink at the bar made my mouth water.

I was also surprised to see a selection of meat dishes like duck, pork and steak on the menu, but as our excellent waitress said 'people go to Loch Fyne for the fish' so I decided to dive straight in and ordered lobster bisque for my starter.

A little adventurous you may think for someone who doesn't like seafood but I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the creamy lobster soup, which was served with saffron aioli, gruyère, and granary bread that complimented it perfectly.

In the spirit of trying something new my husband ordered haggis – served with scallops and caramelised pear – which he also enjoyed.

For my main I ordered the halibut fillet from the specials menu, which was also something I had not eaten before (it's worth noting here that I usually stick to cod and salmon). I chose to have it steamed and ordered hollandaise sauce, green beans and sautéed new potatoes to go with it and it was absolutely delicious. But it was just topped by my husband's lobster thermidor. The whole baked fish was coated in a wonderful brandy, mustard and cream sauce and was served with samphire and saffron risotto, which although a little rich, was a delight.

All of this was accompanied by a lovely bottle of Awatere Pass Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, which was recommended by our waitress.

We managed to squeeze in desserts of a wonderfully light treacle tart with vanilla ice cream and a chocolate tart with cream from the specials menu.

Overall, I was most impressed with the food and exceptional service at Loch Fyne and after discovering I like more than just cod and salmon I will certainly be 'going for the fish' again in the near future.

Cally Jenkins

folksong

ON FRIDAY May Di Henderson will be bringing her beautiful voice to The Song Loft in Stony Stratford.

Hailing from Teesside, May picked about the hardest part of the folk scene to break into – the male bastion of the traditional unaccompanied folk song.

She has a rich, powerful and yet flexible voice and puts passion and commitment into her singing.

Her songs are taken from both traditional and the best of newer writers. They cover a range of subjects like pathos, humour, drinking, love, feminism and, not to mention, the occasional bawdiness.

Tickets cost £7 on the door and the gig starts at 8.15pm.

ceramicart

MK Gallery's Project Space is hosting an exhibition of work by clients of Headway Milton Keynes, a charity that works with people who have experienced a brain injury.

The Making Headway exhibition coincides with Brain Injury Awareness Week, which takes place from May 18-24.

Brain injury clients produced the exhibits during a seven-week series of ceramic workshops, which were made possible through funding from MK Community Foundation.

Participants explored glazing techniques and worked to an environmental theme. The exhibition includes examples of the participants' research, preparatory work, glazed ceramics and photographic documentation of the process.

Along with the obvious physical, cognitive and emotional challenges, a brain injury can have a significant social impact, including the inability to participate in pre-injury hobbies or leisure activities. Art can allow participants a way of expressing themselves that is not reliant on language and can challenge a client's cognitive ability.

For more details, including opening times, please visit **mkweb.co.uk**

walkingfestival

The Park's Trust are holding Milton Keynes' Walking Festival this weekend (May 9-10) with a variety of walks mostly free in areas across the city.

They are suitable for all ages and abilities. On Saturday there are walks around the villages of the North starting from New Bradwell and an Ouse Valley Walk starting and ending at The Galleon Pub in Wolverton. All walks must be pre-booked, book either via the website at www.theparkstrust.com, or email to events@theparkstrust.com, or by calling 01908 255379. Please note that dogs are not normally allowed.

Here is one of the walks:

Saturday, May 9

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onsafari

Parents and their toddlers can enjoy Monkey-Robics at Safari MK in Kiln Farm every Friday.

The session from 2.30pm includes gentle exercises and dance with Charlie the Cheeky Monkey. It is held every Friday during term time and is suitable for 1 to 4-year-olds. Come and join the Safari MK team for some dancing fun and gentle exercise. This will be followed by a selection of cool-down songs to act along to. Including a special guest at each performance.

Safari MK is one of the newest children's play centres in the city and as well as the indoor activity areas, they also host children's parties with various themed rooms.

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takefive

Take on That at Wilton Hall

Who was your favourite – Gary Barlow, Robbie Williams, Jason Orange, Howard Donald or Mark Owen?

If you love Take That and their music you are going to love Take on Take That at Wilton Hall at the end of the month.

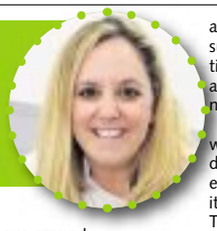
The tribute act will put on a fantastic show with huge impact and universal appeal, including the smash hits Shine, Could It Be Magic, Relight My Fire, Greatest Day, Pray, Patience, Back For Good and many more.

The night starts at 7pm on Friday, May 29, with a hot and cold buffet dinner included and a bar.

Tickets cost £25 and can be bought at the box office by calling 01908 372277

DID you know that from May 9 to May 17 it is rabbit awareness week?

Our resident expert AMY CONVERSE gives some tips on how to look after your pet rabbits ahead of Rabbit Awareness Week



Increasing awareness about rabbits and how to provide a good environment for them is the main objective of the awareness week.

Rabbits have special needs in regards to housing provision which includes an enriched environment with enough shelter to protect them from extremes of weather and proper accommodation to allow them freedom to move around.

It's said that a rabbit's normal territory is about the size of 30 tennis courts in the wild. This is why keeping a rabbit in a hutch all day doesn't provide sufficient opportunities for a rabbit to move around as they would naturally.

Of course if you or I were to sit in a room all day it would naturally be extremely boring - and it's the same for rabbits.

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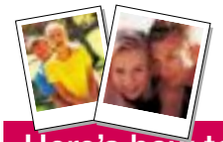

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KERRY 39, curvy brunette, sensual, tactile, seeks cheeky, spontaneous guy to keep her company and make her smile again. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416599**

MARY 64yr old widow, WLTM similar gent, 65-70, GSOH, likes days out, cinema, theatre, holidays. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416565**

ALISON 39, petite with long brown hair, hazel eyes, very loving, seeking similar male for an uncomplicated relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416517**

ALISON 30, pretty, slim with long brown hair, fit and active seeks fit older male for energetic relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416497**

DEBORAH 41, intelligent brunette, lovely brown eyes, discreet, many interests, seeks similar male to share fun and good conversation, **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416515**

JACKIE 32, attractive professional, very smart and feminine, long brown hair, seeks smart, confident, older male who knows how to treat a lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416297**

BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233**

LINDA 26, cheeky, curvy brunette, a little shy at first, likes to look after herself, seeks dark haired male for discreet naughty but fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416195**

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LUCY stunning tall brunette, looking for exciting times, seeks likeminded, adventurous male who is willing to try anything once or maybe even twice! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416079**

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JANE 48yr old young looking professional female, tall, green eyes, attractive, size 12-14, enjoys walking, keeping active, nights in/out, good wine/conversation, seeking soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414729**

JACKIE very pretty leggy well-mannered/educated 28yr old female, loves nights in/out, sports, WLTM sincere male up to 35yrs for friendship, hopefully ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415377**

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NICOLETTE 32 petite professional attractive black female looking for similar hardworking white male who like me loves life and is serious about finding a LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415545**

WENDY 5ft 9ins, 59, likes walks, seeking honest, caring male for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413551**

65YR old white guy, seeking black female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413733**

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ANGIE attractive nurse 39yrs, new to area/advertising, likes dog walking, being sociable, meals in/out, WLTM honest, fun male for possible ltr. looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415827**

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ALISON 27yr old very bored broadminded female with plenty of free time on her hands looking for some adult fun times. Call me, I won't disappoint. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415177**

DEE lonely divorced female, slim, bubbly, attractive redhead, loves cuddles, looking for a man who can restore my faith in love and make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414961**

JACKIE extremely sensual lady but for your eyes only! likes horses, keeping fit, gardening looking for genuine love interest and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414721**

TERI separated single lady, blonde, blue eyes, slim, WLTM compatible male for genuine friendship, meals out, weekends away, nights out and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414361**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412369**

EMMA slim 5ft 8ins, single employed female with OHAC, enjoys many interests, gym, music, easy-going, genuine, supportive, seeking similar male for a chat, maybe a date. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414957**

JEAN slim blonde divorcee bubbly affectionate, romantic with lots of love to give, looking for man who knows how to look after a lady for meals in/out, friendship/ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414699**

DEBBIE brown eyed attractive social female, romantic, good listener, loves children, looking for similar nice male/dad to get to know, hopefully leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414383**

ELAINE 30, fit, sexy, curvy black lady, very feminine, loves wining, dining, nights in, seeks solvent white 40's male who is passionate, loving and caring. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414711**

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DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 388372**

DAVE 50's, occasional smoker/drinker, honest, open minded, seeking charming lady to put the love back into life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416825**

DEREK 63, easy going, seeking female for share fun and life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407581**

MALE WLTM big busty female for fun and friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405961**

TREVOR 51, likes nights in/out, pubs, clubs, walks, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409023**

KEVIN 46, 6ft 6ins, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more, honest, truthful, various interests, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413119**

STEWART 47, 5ft 11ins, fit, blue eyes, looking for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416877**

MARK 40, smoker, slightly over weight, seeking female, 35-40 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0907 308 0240 Box No: 416685**

DAVE 50's, occasional smoker/drinker, honest, open minded, seeking charming lady to put the love back into life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416825**

ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416461**

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40YR old average blond hair, blue-eyed male, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412851**

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OLDER woman 65 plus wanted by younger, tall male with OHAC and GSOH, hardworking, self sufficient for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405055**

PETER 66, 5ft 9ins, fair hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes countryside, seaside, animals, nights in, seeks female for LTR. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410723**

BERNARD 63, brown hair/eyes, seeking lady for soul mate, romance and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409883**

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MALE 46, kind, loving, WLTM genuine lady 45-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 404301**

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STEVEN attractive male, seeking no strings meets in Hemel/Aylesbury areas. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 375197**

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GUY 61, bi, 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeking similar male for discreet fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413741**

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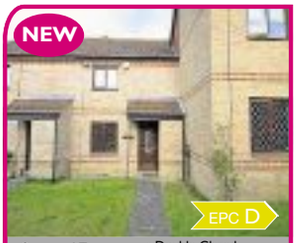

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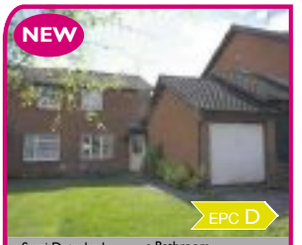

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£24,745 - £36,360 pa
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Geography is popular option subject with four groups currently studying at GCSE where we follow the AQA A syllabus. All students are provided with a set of core textbooks to support their study of the course. At Key Stage 3 we have constructed a rich curriculum, which places an emphasis on core knowledge. Students study a variety of geographical topics to give them a comprehensive understanding of the world and our place within it. As well as our exciting, demanding and varied curriculum, the Geography department offers a range of extra curricular opportunities for students including an annual Year 11 fieldwork visit to Dorset.

Closing date: Midday on, 13th May 2015.
Interview date: 15th May 2015.

TEACHER OF DRAMA (0.6)

£24,745 - £36,360 pa
Required from September 2015

We are looking to appoint an outstanding and committed Teacher of Drama on 0.6 basis. We welcome applications from well-qualified Drama specialists who are seeking a challenge in a supportive and high-performing environment. This role would be suitable for an experienced teacher or an NQT who would be fully supported to complete their induction.

Closing date: Midday on, 8th May 2015.
Interview date: 14th May 2015.

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MAIDENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newark Road, Luton LU4 8LD

Maidenhall Primary School

Teaching Assistant (2)

£11,562 - £12,521 p.a.
30 hours per week, term-time only
Fixed-term position until 31st August 2016

Vacancy ID: 102872

From September or earlier, we are looking for a temporary Teaching Assistant (2) with a fixed term contract until 31st August 2016.

You will be required to provide support to individuals and groups of children within lessons and be able to assist with classroom preparation as required. The ability to successfully work as part of a team and to be able to contribute and promote school initiatives is essential. The role will also involve supervising children during unstructured times of the day.

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future development of Maidenhall Primary School and achieve our ambition of becoming an outstanding school. Currently, OFSTED say we are a good school.

We seek motivated, committed individuals with experience of working with children and with the capability to create and maintain excellent working relationships within the school environment. You should have, or be working towards a relevant qualification.

We are able to offer:

- an attractive, well resourced working environment
- supportive, well motivated, friendly colleagues
- wide opportunities for professional development
- children who are keen to learn and well behaved
- supportive parents.

To apply for this role, visit our school website http://maidenhallprimary.co.uk/topic/vacancies
Closing Date: 17th May 2015, Noon
Interview Date: w/c 18th May 2015

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

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Do you have a passion for reading and writing and are you able to inspire staff and pupils in the teaching of this across the school? Do you believe that every child can succeed?

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The successful applicant will need to demonstrate that he/she :

- is an outstanding teacher who keeps our children at the heart of everything.
- is an enthusiastic, innovative and hard-working teacher who ensures that all pupils strive for and achieve personal and academic excellence.
- has consistently high expectations, making learning irresistible, effective and inclusive
- has a good understanding of how data is used for school improvement.
- has excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills and can work successfully as part of a team.
- Is professional at all times and a positive role model for others
- Is a learner themselves- open to challenge and the exploration of new approaches

We can offer:-

- Friendly well behaved children who enjoy learning.
- Hardworking, friendly and dedicated staff committed to achieving high standards.
- Leadership Time
- Laptop, I pad
- Opportunities for your own continuous professional development.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to visit us for a school tour. To discuss either of these positions further or to request an application pack, please contact Gill Ashley, School Business Manager.

Closing Date: 9.00am Thursday 14th May 2015

Interview Date: Tuesday 19th May 2015

Website: http://www.brooksward.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Email: office@brooksward.org.uk

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Walton High

Fyfield Barrow Milton Keynes MK7 7WH
Tel. 01908 677954 Executive Principal: Michelle Currie

The expansion of Walton High across two campuses has created exciting opportunities for leaders of Mathematics. We require leaders who have a vision for outstanding learning in Maths and are not afraid to trial new ideas and challenge orthodoxies in order to inspire their teams and students alike.

Details about these posts and an insight into the maths curriculum area, its current performance and the school's aspirations are available on our websites www.waltonhigh.org.uk and www.brooklandsmk.org.uk These also provide an excellent insight into life at Walton High and the new campus.

Walton High welcomes applicants who wish to contribute to this high achieving and innovative centre of learning.

Director of Mathematics (Walton High)

MKET Pay Scale: SL7 – SL13 £50,000 - £59,000

Leading Teacher of Maths (Fyfield Barrow Campus)

MKET Pay Scale: LP8 – LP14 £42,500 - £50,000

We are also seeking to appoint the following for September 2015:

Drama/Dance Teacher (Walton High)
MKET Pay Scale MPR

Closing date for applications: Midday, Thursday 14 May 2015

Learning Support Assistant
£13,665 - £16,036, Term time only, 37 hours per week

Closing date for applications: Midday, Friday 15 May, 2015

For an application form and further information about these roles visit www.mket.org.uk

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Start date: 1st September 2015

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The successful applicants for all positions will need to demonstrate that they:

- are outstanding, inclusive teachers who keep our children at the heart of everything.
- are enthusiastic, passionate, innovative and hard working in ensuring that all pupils strive for and achieve personal and academic excellence.
- have consistently high expectations
- have an understanding of how data is used for school improvement.
- have excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills and can work successfully as part of a team.

We can offer:-

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- Hardworking, friendly and dedicated staff committed to achieving high standards.
- Opportunities for your own continuous professional development.

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Closing Date: 9.00am Thursday 14th May 2015
Interview Date: Wednesday 20th May 2015

Website: http://www.brooksward.milton-keynes.sch.uk
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DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

Required for September 2015

Due to internal promotion, a Teacher of Design Technology is required for September, 2015; applications from NQTs or experienced teachers are welcome. The successful candidate should be able to teach Product Design or Graphics to at least GCSE level. An ability to teach to A Level in either subject would be an advantage, as would the ability to teach other areas of Technology. The successful candidate must also be keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers in a thriving and modern department with a high uptake of students at GCSE and A level.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date for all posts: Monday 18th May 2015 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 90% of students gaining 5A* - C grades at GCSE (typically over 65% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 56% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university: this year 7 students got into Oxbridge and 2 others into Medicine and Veterinary Science. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

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The YMCA is a safe and supportive community that exists to inspire and equip young people to achieve their potential. We are the largest provider of accommodation for homeless single young people in Milton Keynes providing housing for over 150 people. We are looking for highly motivated people with good communication and organisational skills who are passionate about working with vulnerable young people. We are currently recruiting to the following vacancies:

HOUSING SUPPORT OFFICERS - 1 post + 1 maternity cover
Salary range £19,769 - £26,629
The post holder will provide support to a designated group of MK YMCA residents and provide effective housing management. This role works to a rota - 37.5 hours per week to include some evening and weekend working.

FOOD ENTERPRISE OFFICER -£11,861 - £15,977 (pro-rata)
The post holder will manage MK YMCA catering facilities, deliver cooking lessons to residents, and seek to develop a catering enterprise. This role operates under a flexi-time policy - 22.5 hours per week Monday to Friday, including some evening working.

EVENTS OFFICER - £10,005 - £13,153 (pro-rata)
The post holder will generate fundraised income by planning and managing a series of events. This role operates under a flexi-time policy - 22.5 hours per week. There will be a requirement to work some evenings and weekends to manage events and fundraising activities at these times.

For an informal discussion about any of these posts please contact Simon on 01908 295602 and for an application pack contact Jacqueline@mkymca.com 01908 295603. Only completed MKYMCA application forms will be accepted. Milton Keynes YMCA operates a strict Safeguarding Policy which involves an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.
Closing date for all posts: 10am Monday 25th May

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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Head of Performance, Music & Media

£36,000 - £42,000 pa

Closing date: Monday 11 May 2015 at 5.00pm

Lecturer – Access to HE

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Closing date: Monday 18 May 2015

Lecturer – Theatrical Make-up

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For further details and an application pack please visit our website:

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The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check, references and other checks.

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Closing Date 18th May 2015

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St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
Hammersmith Gardens, Houghton Regis
Dunstable, Beds, LU5 5RG
01582 862456 • stvincents@cbc.beds.sch.uk
NOR: 225 (inc Nursery)

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2 x Class Teacher

Required from September 2015 Main Pay Scale Full-time

The Governors of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint two enthusiastic and committed teachers to join the staff of this happy and highly regarded school.

Closing date: Noon Monday 18th May 2015

Interview date: Thursday 21st May 2015

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed; please call to arrange your visit.

CES application forms and further details are available directly from the school, please email or telephone the school. NQTs are welcome to apply. Contact Fiona Jones - Business Manager

St Vincent's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. This post is subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Checks and satisfactory professional references. References will be taken prior to any offer of employment. The successful candidate will be required to sign the CES contract.

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Alameda Middle School

Head: Miss M Warner B. Soc. Sc. NPQH
Station Road, Ampthill, MK45 2QR
W: www.alamedamiddleschool.org.uk

Required for September 2015
Teacher of Science MPS

We require a teacher for September 2015 or earlier, to teach Science throughout the school.

Alameda is a high achieving and expanding school that is well resourced, has a friendly, supportive staff and well behaved, motivated pupils. NQTs benefit from a comprehensive induction programme.
Newly qualified or experienced teachers are welcome to apply.

A full information pack and application form can be downloaded from our website. If you would like further information or arrange a visit to the school please contact Miss Warner: mwarner@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 12th May

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A qualification in health & social care and previous experience in health & social care settings is essential for this role, as well as a good level of IT, numeracy and report writing skills.

For an informal discussion please contact: Nicky Hammond on 0300 300 6338 or Raquel Vaughan on 0300 300 6841

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Closing date: 14th May 2015
Interview date: 21st & 22nd May 2015

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The Walnuts School

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Telephone: 01908 563885 • Fax: 01908 555617
Headteacher: Nick Jackman

The Walnuts School is an all age (4 – 19) residential special school, for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders. We are seeking additional staff to join our dedicated, established team of staff. Experience and enthusiasm is a requirement for the posts, as is a genuine empathy with children and young people. The ability to be flexible, innovative and reliable is highly desirable. The Walnuts has a successful record of staff development and training including knowledge and understanding of autism for all staff.

Post 16 Teacher

Required September 2015 • MPS or UPS + SEN 1 + TLR 2b • Full-time, permanent

We are seeking to appoint an experienced Post 16 Teacher to join our dedicated, established team of staff to lead the development of Individual Pathways for our 16-19 year olds and possibly 16-25 in the future.

Applications are welcome from teachers working in schools or further education settings; experience of working with young people with a diagnosis of autism is also highly desirable. Enthusiasm is a requirement for this post, as is a genuine empathy with young people who can challenge. The ability to be flexible, innovative and reliable is highly desirable. The Walnuts has a successful record of staff development and training including knowledge and understanding of autism for all staff.

Previous applicants are welcome to reapply.

For further details, an application pack or to arrange a visit, please contact the school on 01908 563885 or email giulia.marini@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk.

Closing date: Friday, 15th May 2015.
Interviews will be held on Thursday, 21st May 2015.

This post requires an enhanced DBS check (previously CRB). This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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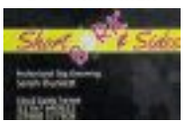

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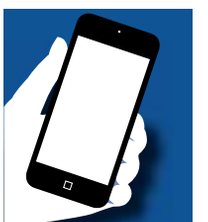

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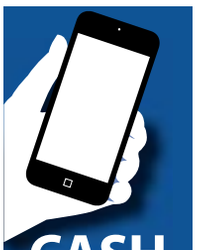

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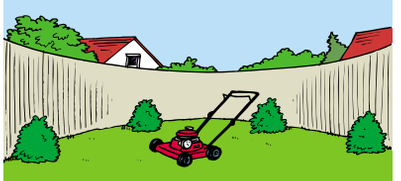

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ALL GRID ROADS AND ADJOINING SIDE ROADS, ALL RURAL AND PRIMARY ROADS WITHIN AND LEADING INTO MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in relation to a temporary prohibition of vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of roads within Milton Keynes whilst essential maintenance and repair works are carried out, the restrictions for which were brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order, which was made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on 2nd April 2014 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as first notified on 2nd April 2014.

TAKE NOTICE that due to the poor road surface conditions, it has been necessary to introduce an additional road closure. The following length of road is scheduled to be closed some point between 8th May 2015 and 8th July 2015 between the hours of 07.30am and 3.30pm:-

- Brickhill Street between its junction with the H6 Childs Way and its junction with H7 Chaffron Way.

  The alternative route while the closure is in effect will be via H6 Childs Way, A4146 Tongwell Street and H7 Chaffron Way (and visa versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except access for residents, school visitors, emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The road closure and alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order came into operation on 8th April 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 2nd April 2014.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The forthcoming road closure and the alternative route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF BUCKINGHAM STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the rear access road of Buckingham Street, Wolverton between the rear access roads linking Buckingham Street and Aylesbury Street that are situated between Cambridge Street and The Square in order to repair communication pipes in the carriageway. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 16th May 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via The Square, Aylesbury Street and Cambridge Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 14th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF BEDFORD STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the entire length of the rear access road of Bedford Street, Wolverton in order to repair a communication pipe at the rear of number 10 Bedford Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 16th May 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Bedford Street, Oxford Street and Green Lane (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 14th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF AYLESBURY STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Aylesbury Street, Wolverton from its junction with the access road linking Aylesbury Street and Buckingham Street in its entirety in order to repair a service pipe at the rear of number 20 Aylesbury Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 18th May 2015.

There will be no alternative route whilst the closure is in effect

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 14th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF CHURCH STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Church Street, Wolverton from its junction with Radcliffe Street for a distance of 60 metres in an easterly direction in order to repair a service pipe at the rear of number 36 Church Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 15th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 19th May 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Radcliffe Street and Church Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 15th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF CAMBRIDGE STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Cambridge Street, Wolverton from its junction with the access road adjacent to the rear of numbers 51 and 53 Cambridge Street and the access road adjacent to number 91 Cambridge Street in order to repair a service pipe at the rear of number 67 Cambridge Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 13th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 15th May 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street and Cambridge Street (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 13th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS AND PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN TATTENHOE, FURZTON AND CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES AND PART OF H7 CHAFFRON WAY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

1) H7 Chaffron Way (eastbound carriageway only) – from its junction with Oakgrove Roundabout to its junction with Blanchland Circle, Monkston
2) Rosemullion Avenue, Tattenhoe – from its junction with Merthen Grove for a distance of 100 metres in a northerly direction
3) Dulverton Drive, Furzton - The entire length of the access road that leads to Furzton local shops and Merebrook First School
4) Lower Ninth Street, Central Milton Keynes – its entire length

It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect between 8th May 2015 and 15th May 2015 or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 8th May 2015 and will expire on 8th August 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for controlled access to residential properties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The forthcoming road closures can be viewed on www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WOOD STREET (PART), WOBURN SANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th May 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Wood Street, Woburn Sands from its junction with Chapel Street, for a distance of 123 metres in a north-westerly direction. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 12th May 2015 and will remain in effect until 14th May 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Chapel Street, Station Road, Theydon Avenue and Wood Street (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The Order will come into operation on 12th May 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(HIGH STREET (PART) AND NEW STREET, STONY STRATFORD)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of 2 relevant events, namely 'StonyLive' and the Stony Stratford Classic Car and Motorcycle Festival which are being promoted by Mr Ray Cobley of Stony Stratford, to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from proceeding along that length of High Street, Stony Stratford from its junction with Church Street to its junction with Wolverton Road. The one-way traffic restriction in New Street, Stony Stratford shall be temporarily suspended to allow two way traffic flow whilst the High Street closures are in operation. It is anticipated that the above restrictions will be in operation as follows:-

- **'StonyLive' - Saturday 06 June 2015 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm;**
- **The Stony Stratford Classic Car and Motorcycle Festival – Sunday 07 June 2015 between the hours of 9.30 am and 4.30 pm.**

The alternative routes for traffic for both events will be via Church Street, Silver Street and Horsefair Green, and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties and premises shall be maintained throughout the closure, and local residents and businesses affected by the restrictions will be sent prior notification by the event organisers.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 06 June 2015 at 10.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the events, whichever shall be the sooner, but it is anticipated that the restrictions will only remain in effect until 4.30 pm on 07 June 2015.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order and maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Stony Stratford Library, 5–7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number TTRO-554.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET ELECTRIC VEHICLE CAR CLUB PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicles and have the following effect along parts of roads in Central Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of electric vehicle car club permit parking place along part of Saxon Gate (East Side), Central Milton Keynes

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the Network TRO Officer, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY **to be received** no later than 27th May 2015 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-117

06 May 2015

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold
Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes

Rachael Kingsley
Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

15/00822/FUL	Single storey flat roofed side and rear extension for disabled user at 96 Church Street, Wolverton
15/00841/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension; replacement of front window and new roof light to existing dwelling at 112 High Street, Olney
15/00859/FUL	Loft conversion with dormer window to rear elevation and single storey rear extension at 41 Chantry Rise, Olney
15/00860/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 Holly tree (T1), 1 Lawson Cypress tree (T2) and 1 Leylandi Cypress (T3) tree in rear garden at 25 High Street, Olney
15/00900/FUL	Change of use of rear garden land to parking and re-positioning of gate (resubmission of 14/02586/FUL) at 59 High Street, Woburn Sands
15/00906/FUL	Single storey entrance porch at Wakes Manor Cottage, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes
15/00913/FUL	Demolition of existing Agora building, re-instatement of Radcliffe Street, reconfiguration of existing car park (total car parking spaces 207) and construction of a new mixed-use development including 100 residential units, 8 x ground floor retail units with retail storage (GIA 3276.3sqm), associated hardstanding and landscaping work at Land At The Agora Centre, Church Street, Wolverton
15/00921/FUL	Provision of fixed sports equipment including two areas of Astro turf or similar wearing surface (Resubmission of 15/00192/FUL) at Land At Recreation Ground, Common Street, Ravenstone
15/00936/FUL	Two storey front, side and rear extensions with single storey front extension (resubmission of withdrawn application 14/02718/FUL) at 1 Thirlby Lane, Shenley Church End
15/00973/FUL	Replacement of existing aluminium windows with white UPVC at 4 Jersey Road, Wolverton

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

15/00958/ADV	Advert consent to display 1x fascia sign (non-illuminated letters), 1 x non-illuminated projecting sign, 1 x non-illuminated standard ATM surround, 1 x non-illuminated nameplate and 1 x non-illuminated entrance sign (resubmission of 14/02762/ADV) at 80 High Street, Stony Stratford
15/00959/LBC	Listed building consent to display 1x fascia sign (non-illuminated letters), 1 x non-illuminated projecting sign, 1 x non-illuminated standard ATM surround, 1 x non-illuminated nameplate and 1 x non-illuminated entrance sign (resubmission of 14/02763/LBC) at 80 High Street, Stony Stratford

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/00913/FUL	Demolition of existing Agora building, re-instatement of Radcliffe Street, reconfiguration of existing car park (total car parking spaces 207) and construction of a new mixed-use development including 100 residential units, 8 x ground floor retail units with retail storage (GIA 3276.3sqm), associated hardstanding and landscaping work at Land At The Agora Centre, Church Street, Wolverton
15/00940/FUL	Erection of research and development facility with associated parking and landscaping at Land To NW of Grampian Gate, Winterhill

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The improvement over the earlier announced figures were achieved thanks to the continuous innovation cycle at the Swedish company. The result of further tuning is a drop of 10 g/km from the initial prognosis, for up to 134.5mpg (combined) fuel economy, while also adding horsepower. This makes the XC90 T8 Twin Engine the clear leader in its segment, with an exceptional combination of low fuel consumption, emissions and pure power.

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All figures are based on the NEDC driving cycle for hybrids*.

There's a Driving Mode for every need. The XC90 T8 Twin Engine can go from 0 to 62mph in 5.6 seconds, delivering all the driving pleasure customers have come to expect from a Volvo SUV. But driving pleasure is only a fraction of what the XC90 T8 offers: the car has five different driving modes that deliver a range of performance and efficiency-enhancing characteristics. Using either a scroll wheel on the centre console or a touchscreen on the dashboard, drivers can choose from five different options. **'Hybrid'** is the default mode suitable for everyday use. Here, the vehicle will automatically alternate between drawing power from the 2-litre, 4-cylinder Drive-E engine and the electric motor to deliver the best overall fuel consumption.

With **'Pure Electric'** mode, when the high-voltage battery is fully charged, it serves as the car's sole energy source, powering the electric motor over the rear axle. The XC90 T8 has a range of up to 26 miles using just electricity, which covers the total distance many people drive in one day. And thanks to the regenerative braking system, this mode is super-efficient in the stop-and-go traffic of city environments. If more power is needed, the Drive-E combustion engine starts up automatically.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Volvo V40

VICTORY V?

As with most things in life, the best products take what seems a complicated bunch of requirements and reduce them to something very simple and elegant. The Volvo V40 is just such a car. The Swedish company has built a premium five-door family hatch that looks great, drives well, makes sense on the balance sheet and which has an amazing amount of safety equipment built into it. It really is as good as it looks, especially now that Volvo offers the option of its own highly efficient engines beneath the bonnet.

Here's a hatch clearly developed by people who care about driving and it delivers a very good compromise indeed of absorbent ride and assured handling composure. So much so that I've begun to question the 'less is more' mantra I tend to apply to the brand's other models when it comes to engine output. There's not much point in having loads of power in a car that handles like a pudding. This one though, can cope with a bit more, which is why it's worth opting for the fastest of the three diesel engines on offer, the 190bhp D4. Like the next diesel down, the 150bhp D3, it's a 2.0-litre unit but unlike that engine, this is Volvo's own impressive 'Drive-E' powerplant. Amazingly, it's nearly as efficient as the much less powerful entry-level diesel in the range, the 115bhp D2. And that variant's a lot slower than the D4: a D2 V40 gets to 62mph in 11.7s en route to 118mph.

Low mileage buyers need to factor in the possibility of petrol power too, especially if they don't like the rather clattery diesel noise you get on start-up. T2, T3 and T4 variants use a 1.6-litre four cylinder unit, respectively putting out either 120, 150 or 180bhp, the most powerful version of which is good for sixty in 7.3s on the way to 140mph. If that's not enough, there's a flagship 2.0-litre five cylinder T5 model that also uses a Volvo-sourced 'Drive-E' engine, putting out 245bhp and fitted as standard with an 8-speed automatic gearbox.

The safer a car is, the safer will be its approach to exterior design. That was once true of small Volvos - but it isn't any more. In fact, it's precisely because this V40 is good in an accident that it looks so smart. Let me explain. Almost all cars have relatively high bonnet lines so as to leave an under-bonnet void to meet pedestrian impact legislation. But thanks to a unique under-bonnet airbag, this car doesn't need to allow for that, so its bonnet line can be much lower, part of a lean, wide coupe-like stance in a shape very slightly longer and wider than rival BMW 1 Series or Audi A3 models.

With the V40, Volvo has brought its brand up to date. Fashionable styling clothes some serious safety in a very assured piece of design further improved by the option of Volvo's own 'Drive-E' 2.0-litre petrol and diesel engines. Gothenburg has taken on the Germans before - but never like this. In the premium compact hatch segment, only BMW's 1 Series can out-handle this car - and that's only because of its rear wheel drive, a layout Volvo thinks is better suited to Silverstone than Surbiton. In any case, careful development of this car's dynamic Focus-inspired underpinnings has left us with a car an enthusiast might still enjoy.

Which is a surprise. But then, much about this car is. Efficient yet characterful, stylish yet sensible, it ought to appeal far beyond Volvo's core customer base. It ought to, but it may not. BMW, Audi, Mercedes - even Alfa Romeo customers: they're all pretty parochial. They shouldn't be. A drive in one of these would blow away quite a few prejudices. Whoever would have thought it?

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: **Volvo V40**
PRICE: **£18,995 - £34,000**
INSURANCE GROUP: **17-35**
CO2 EMISSIONS: **88-149g/km**
PERFORMANCE: **[D2] 0-62mph 11.9s / Max speed 118mph**
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DONS

A fantastic achievement

MK Dons head of coaching RICHIE BARKER writes exclusively for MK NEWS

IT WAS a little bit surreal on Sunday after we beat Yeovil Town 5-1 to be promoted to the Championship.

Once we went 4-0 up against Yeovil our destiny wasn't in our control and it was all a little bit strange.

All you want to do is be in control of your destiny and it arguably would have been better if Colchester had been 4-0 up at half time against Preston North End and we were drawing 0-0.

When we scored our fifth goal in the second half nobody was interested in our game any more.

Players were shouting, asking what the score was and I was pleased that their game finished before ours did.

It gave us time to make sure that everybody was included.

There was obviously a lot of cheering when Colchester were given a penalty but what really helped was our analyst being up in the gods watching the game live.

It's been 10 months worth of hard work and we have never taken our foot off the pedal.

We wanted to stay on two points a game for as long as we could so to finish one point off that target was outstanding.

I think the two best teams have been promoted this season.

It is a fantastic achievement by everybody and if we'd have finished on 91 points having scored 101 goals it would have been a travesty.

The number of games we have scored five, six or seven goals in has been great and we've conceded less than a goal a game so it's a hell of an achievement.

The feedback we've had from other teams has been that they think we deserve to go up.

We've now got to decide where we want to go from here.

We came up with as many plans for pre-season and the playoffs as we could before the weekend but we didn't put anything in place for going up!

We should have been travelling up to play Chesterfield if we were in the playoffs so we'll instead be spending the next couple of days putting some plans in place.

You have to look back at first when we plan for next season to see what has led us to where we are now so I think we'll try to replicate as much as we can.

Anxious wait: Richie Barker, *left*, and Karl Robinson

ICE HOCKEY

Five players in, one out

IT HAS been another busy week for MK Lightning as five players have left the club, while another import has been brought in.

Coming into the club is Finnish winger Marko Luomala, who has joined from Italian Serie A side Gherdeina.

The six-foot-two player will add some much-needed physical edge to the Lightning side next season after playing in Finland and Switzerland prior to moving to Milton Keynes and head coach Peter Russell is pleased with his latest addition.

He said: "He has great speed, good skills and a heavy shot.

"He's a smart player with and without the puck, and has good game sense.

"He's going to be a player who will bring a professional approach and be great for our younger guys to learn from."

Going in the opposite direction are Chris Wiggins, Ross Bowers, John Connolly, Ben Russell and netminder Jordan Hedley, who have all left the club.

Those names follow the five players who left the club last week.

Meanwhile, long-time servant Adam Carr has signed up for his 13th season at the club and this year the player is looking to add some silverware to his record.

He said: "After speaking to Pete (head coach) a couple of times, hearing about the type of team he wants us to be and the way he wants us to play is what I wanted to hear – and something I want to be a part of.

"It's our goal to win something next year and looking at the team so far we have every chance of doing that."

Lightning also announced on Friday a partnership with Elite League outfit Coventry Blaze.

A number of players from both teams will be on two-way contracts allowing them to play for Lightning and Blaze.

Russell said: "This is a great initiative that will hopefully see some of our brightest young stars realising their potential and benefiting from a tremendous all-round hockey education."

Signed again: Adam Carr, *right*

CRICKET

ANOTHER good year could be heading North Crawley's way after they comfortably beat New Bradwell in the Four Counties League.

Matt Goss struck 119 while Alex Walker hit 83 as the champions recorded 292-6 in the first innings.

Three wickets apiece for Ian Gillam, Colin Bonnett and Steve Sharpe helped dismiss New Bradwell for 109, meaning that North Crawley won by 183 runs.

Milton Keynes got off to a good start by putting Elstow to the sword with a 73-run success. Opener Nimesh Chavda had a knock of 41 as MK picked up 164-8 in the first innings.

Daniel Brady and Brian Tompkins picked up four wickets apiece to skittle Elstow out for 91, with the latter recording marginally better figures of 4-30 over Brady's 4-34.

Things didn't go as well for Milton Keynes City in their second game of the new campaign.

Thurleigh's Andy Milne scored 10 fours on his way to picking up 62 runs as they scored 168-9 in the first innings. Mohammed Shahid got three of those wickets for the loss of 30 runs, while Shaqlain Siddiq impressed with 2-15.

In reply, 21 runs for Syed Hashmi and Shahid were the best City had to offer as they were bowled out for 113.

Opener Dharmesh Mistry scored 53 runs while Dhruv Pankhania notched up 47 runs as New City (Milton Keynes) recorded 184-9 as they batted first against Biddenham.

But their visitors were able to beat that score after 41 overs, thanks to 54 from Prateek Datta and 49 by captain David Morris.

Amit Mulay picked up three wickets for New City but Biddenham were able to win by three wickets to doom the local side to defeat.

In the Northamptonshire Cricket League Premier, opener Praveen Chandran hit 49 for Stony Stratford.

He put on a partnership of 56 with Ben Duckett to give Stony a good start but the wickets began to fall after that as they were bowled all out for 162.

In reply, Northampton Saints saw Corbyn Dolley unbeaten on 66 as they saw off the target to win by six wickets despite the best efforts of Graham Simpson with 2-36.

The Cherwell Cricket League begins this Saturday with Great Brickhill travelling to Leighton Buzzard, while Wolverton Town are away at Tiddington in Division One. In Division Four, Bletchley Town entertain Brackley.

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OLNEY Town lost 6-2 to Buckingham Athletic in the Buckingham Charity Cup final on Bank Holiday Monday. That came after Town beat Buckingham Town 6-1 last Tuesday night to book their place in the final.

Willen beat The 61 FC (Luton) 2-1, lost 3-0 to Tring Corinthians, beat Old Bradwell United 3-1 and drew 2-2 with Wolverton Town in a busy week for them in the Spartan South Midlands Division Two. Old Bradwell United beat Tring Corinthians 4-1 earlier in the week though so it wasn't a disaster of a week for them. Wolverton Town lost 4-1 to The 61 FC (Luton) as well, while Clean Slate were beaten 7-1 by Totternhoe.

This Sunday sees the New City Heating Milton Keynes Sunday League reach its climax with the finals of two cup competitions and presentations to the successful sides of 2015.

All league clubs and their supporters can attend at the Irish Centre, Manor Fields, Bletchley and the Bill Johnson Trophy at 10.30am will be contested by North Western and Milton Keynes City. The Knock Out Cup Final will commence at 2pm between Caz Bar and Wolverton Town.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club had eight runners in the Milton Keynes Marathon and nine in the half-marathon, with Jeremy Vick pick of the bunch in 23rd, although Julie Jones was the real star of the locals having run three marathons in three weeks.

Matt Child led the MK runners in the half-marathon with a 19th-placed finish and a personal best of 85.51 from a field of 1,677.

The Youth Development League kicked off for the U13-15 team at Stantonbury and they finished a very creditable fourth.

For the U13 boys, Pemiwa Aderoju won the 75m hurdles (15.2) and placed fourth in both the high jump and javelin.

Charlotte Bailey(1.45m) and Tamzin Hill(1.40m) produced a double victory in the U15 girls high jump.

HANDBALL

The Oly Cats' Championship South season concluded on Saturday with a narrow 39-36 defeat to Champions Brighton Seahawks at Cranfield University.

With the title race having been decided a fortnight ago, Oly Cats head coach Bobby White took the opportunity to give youth a chance to shine, fielding a number of players from the under-18 squad for the majority of the game.

Ben Howard and Nathan Grant-Williams starred for White's side, scoring seven and six goals respectively in what was a thrilling encounter against the East Sussex outfit.

Head coach Bobby White said: "It was a close game, and the young boys performed very well in attack.

"Defensively, we showed our inexperience and Brighton were able to take advantage of a few lapses in concentration."

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Four Counties league starts in earnest
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Championship awaits for Dons

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AFTER a record-breaking season which has seen 46 games, 101 goals, 27 victories, 24 clean sheets and an unbelievable 91 points, MK Dons have finally achieved the ambition that has been driving the club for years.

Chairman Pete Winkelman has said on more than one occasion that the club needs to be playing at least at the Championship level to drive growth of the club in the city and Dons achieved just that on Sunday with a magnificent 5-1 success over Yeovil Town.

Dons were dependent on Preston North End slipping up at Colchester United, and they did just that after losing 1-0 in Essex to spark wild scenes at stadiummk.

Fans invaded the pitch in jubilation, manager Karl Robinson looked completely shell-shocked and Winkelman, who has been in a wheelchair recently because of a bad back, didn't even let that get to him on an historic day that will live long in the memory.

Now Dons have the exciting challenge of working out how they're going to tackle the Championship next season.

The fixtures will be released on Wednesday, June 17 (so get that date booked into your diary) and there is a host of exciting clubs for Dons to look forward to facing.

There are 15 clubs who Dons know they will be playing next season, and they include Wolves, Derby County, Blackburn Rovers, Birmingham City, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Sheffield Wednesday, Nottingham Forest, Leeds United, Huddersfield Town, Fulham, Bolton Wanderers, Reading, Brighton and Hove Albion and Rotherham United.

Dons, of course, won't be playing Millwall, Wigan Athletic and Blackpool because they have all been relegated from the Championship.

Instead Dons will play Bristol City, who won League One, and whichever team wins the division's playoffs, which will be contested by Preston, Swindon Town, Sheffield United and Chesterfield.

Bournemouth and Watford have been promoted to the Premier League so Dons won't be playing them, but Dons will be playing three of either Norwich City, Middlesbrough, Brentford or Ipswich Town, who will all contest the Championship playoffs.

At the moment it looks likely that Dons will play Burnley and QPR in the Championship as those two teams are detached at the bottom of the Premier League. The other team will be Sunderland, Leicester City, Hull City, Newcastle United or Aston Villa, all of whom are vying to avoid the final Premier League relegation spot, which would see them demoted to the Championship.

The number of fans that clubs such as Leeds, Forest and Derby will bring to stadiummk will be colossal, and because of this season's success more fans from Milton Keynes will want to watch the team so attendances should sharply rise at stadiummk in 2015-16.

Robinson has already said that the club will need to spend money if they want to survive in the Championship but the loan market is going to once again be a vital tool as Dons prepare for life in the second tier of English football.

TIMELINE OF A HISTORIC DAY

- 12.15pm: Dons and Preston kick off
- 45: Dons hold a 4-0 lead over Yeovil but they need Preston to draw or lose at Colchester. As it stands Dons are up.
- 54: Colchester miss a penalty.
- 81: Colchester score to go 1-0 up.
- 89: Full time in Essex. DONS ARE UP!
- 90: Dons beat Yeovil 5-1 and celebrations begin.

Success: Dons players and staff celebrate after winning promotion to the Championship after their 5-1 win over Yeovil Town at stadiummk

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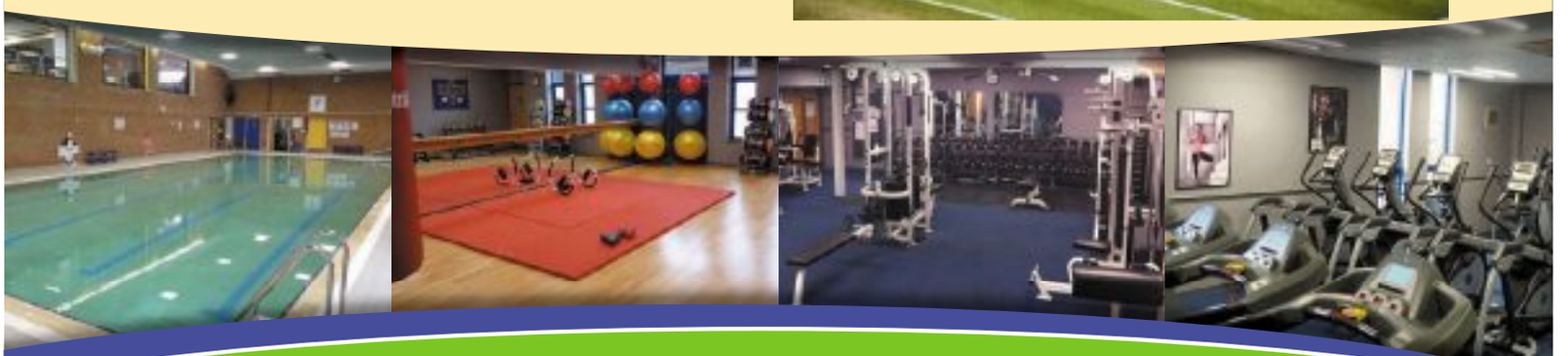

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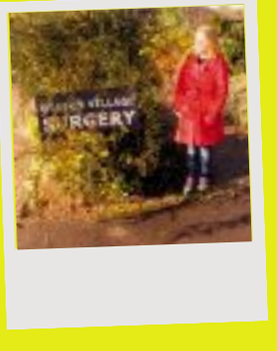

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